

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 9, 2008, Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments under 37 CFR § 1.312. This amendment is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee. The amendments only cancel claims 12-20 and do not change the scope of allowed claims 1-11. In addition, the Applicants submit that the claims presented in this amendment are not affected by the changes made via Examiner's Amendment as provided in the Notice of Allowability dated January 9, 2008.

Such amendment is proper after Allowance as recited in MPEP § 714.16, a portion of which is reproduced below.

After the Notice of Allowance has been mailed, the application is technically no longer under the jurisdiction of the primary examiner. He or she can, however, make examiner's amendments (see MPEP § 1302.04 <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/documents/1300_1302_04.htm>) and has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, **or the cancellation of claims from the application**, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval (emphasis added).

CONCLUSION

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0463 maintained by Applicants' assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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